Mr Chairman,

I am taking the floor on behalf of The People’s Republic of China, France, The Russian Federation, The United Kingdom and the United States.

Mr Chairman,

In line with our general statement and building on the Russian Federation proposal submitted earlier this week, we wish to take this opportunity to put forward some of our collective suggestions to better structure and clarify, in particular, the provisions in the implementation section of the ATT.

To recall these changes, the reorganisation would require two sections to be entitled National Implementation and International Co-operation respectively. The Authorisation and Notification systems should be merged into one section to ensure equally tight controls over the arms transferred. Another practical proposal would be to move the Criteria or Parameters section and the Enforcement section to within National Implementation. Reporting, transparency and national contact points are more appropriately placed under international cooperation. We will submit these proposals to you shortly for further consideration.

Mr Chairman,

We hope these suggestions are useful in your continuing work and be rest assured of our continued co-operation. We will endeavour to continue to work together in the coming days to submit further collective ideas on matters of substance.

Thank you.
Overview:

With regard to the President’s July 3 Paper, we believe that the Implementation Section can be strengthened by dividing it into two sections:

1) **National Implementation** (to reflect a common understanding on the subject that a decision-making process as well as specific parameters of controls over arms transfers must remain a national prerogative of States Parties).

2) **International Cooperation** (to facilitate communications among States Parties for appropriate implementation of the provisions).

As part of this reorganization, all subsections and provisions in the July 3 Paper would be rearranged and moved to appropriate sections.

**Details on Specific Changes:**

Subsections on **Authorization Systems** and **Notification Systems** should be merged into one to ensure tight controls over arms transferred.

Also, **Criteria** should be moved to the **National Implementation** section to make it clear that it is part of a risk assessment within arms transfer authorization decision-making process undertaken by the States.

**Enforcement** should be included in the **National Implementation** section as one of its provisions, rather than as a subsection.

Reporting, transparency, national contact points, etc. would be placed under the **International Cooperation** section. These activities are not properly part of either the national decision-making process or the national control system over arms transfers.

Other than as mentioned above, we are recommending these changes without prejudice to the substance of the specific provisions that would populate these sections.